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SUBJECT: NADR-FUNDED PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL PORT SECURITY PROGRAM

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(U) Mission wishes to propose the following project for funding under NADR in support of the East Africa Regional Strategic Initiative (EARSI):

--Title of project: International Port Security Program

--Implementing Agency: U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

--Description of program:

- Improve and standardize overall international maritime port security.

- Foster diplomatic cooperation with various international organizations by promoting the regular exchange of security expertise and successful best practices.

- Encourage other countries to visit the United States so that delegates may witness firsthand the implementation of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code within the ports and facilities of the United States.

The events of 9/11 focused the global maritime transport sector on the higher risk of terrorism that now threatens the entire international trading community. In an effort to codify and standardize a comprehensive approach to effective, consistent international maritime security, the USCG worked closely with the International Maritime Organization and member states to develop the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code. The ISPS Code is the only internationally accepted blueprint for the implementation of security measures for maritime infrastructure.

The Coast Guard's International Port Security program serves to reinforce implementation by combining multi-national best practices with international requirements to ensure a comprehensive and consistent approach to maritime security in the countries and their ports that trade with the United States. (see <http://homeport.uscg.mil> for additional details)

Embassy Nairobi proposes to send four Kenyan port security officers to the USCG International Port Security Program in May 2009.

-- Notional budget: Airfare from Mombasa to the U.S. \$3,330/person, internal U.S. travel \$700/person, seven days per diem \$267/person=\$1,869=\$5,899 x four travelers=\$23,596

-- Coordinating Offices within the Embassy: Economic Section in consultation with DHS,s Customs and Border Protection attach.

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